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In re the Application of  
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For: REPRESSING GENE EXPRESSION IN PLANTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

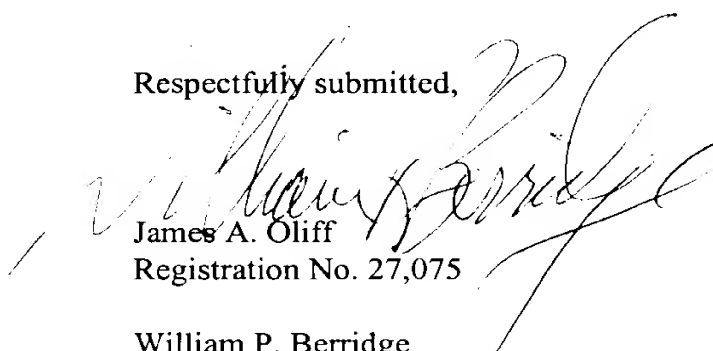
IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete claims 22, 24 and 26 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-28 are pending. By this Preliminary Amendment, claims 22, 24 and 26 are deleted to eliminate multiple dependencies. Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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